

Washington, DC – Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) voted Wednesday for a bill that will cut government waste and inefficiency. H.R. 2142, the Government Efficiency, Effectiveness and Performance Improvement Act will give Congress a whole new set of tools to reduce ineffective and wasteful spending.

“As I travel throughout our district, one thing constituents often tell me is that Congress spends too much and wastes too much,” said Congressman Rodriguez. “I agree and have always believed that we can cut spending significantly by eliminating inefficiency and duplicate efforts. I am proud to support this legislation will achieve that and make the government more accountable to the American people.”

The bill requires the federal government to adopt budgeting standards to rein in spending. Specifically, the bill requires federal agencies to assess agency performance on a quarterly basis to ensure effective spending. It also increases the transparency and accountability of government by requiring federal agencies to submit performance assessments and make those reports publicly available to Congress and the American people.

The bill also calls for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to perform frequent and detailed evaluations of this legislation. The legislation has broad support, including the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Taxpayers for Common Sense and Robert Shea, former Office of Management and Budget Director under President George W. Bush.

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